

**Before the
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
Columbia, South Carolina 29210**

In the Matter of the Petition of)	
Neustar, Inc., on Behalf of the South Carolina)	Docket No. 2018-35-C
Telecommunications Industry, For Approval of)	
NPA Relief Plan for the 803 NPA)	

**REQUEST TO CANCEL HEARING AND FOR WAIVER OF PUBLICATION
REQUIREMENT**

Neustar, Inc., the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (“NANPA”), in its role as the neutral third party NPA Relief Planner for South Carolina under the North American Numbering Plan and on behalf of the South Carolina telecommunications industry (“Industry”),¹ respectfully requests that because the Petition in the above-captioned proceeding represents the unanimous consensus decision of the Industry and the instant proceeding is uncontested, the Commission cancel the hearing scheduled for August 14, 2018 and the related requirements placed upon Petitioner and the parties to file testimony. Moreover, NANPA requests that the Commission waive the requirement that NANPA publish the “Notice of Filing and Hearing and Prefile Testimony Deadlines” (“Notice”).

In a letter to the undersigned dated February 12, 2018, the Commission set a hearing date of August 14, 2018 and directed NANPA to publish a notice of such on or before March 12, 2018, in newspapers of general circulation.² As the instant proceeding is uncontested and the Petition filed by NANPA on January 25, 2018 in this proceeding

¹ The Industry is composed of current and prospective telecommunications carriers operating in, or considering operations within, the 803 area code of South Carolina.

² Letter to Kimberly Miller, Neustar, from Clerk’s Office, The Public Service Commission State of South Carolina, Docket No. 2018-35-C, dated Feb. 12, 2018.

(“Petition”) represents the unanimous consensus decision of the industry members operating in or considering operations within the 803 area code, Neustar respectfully requests that the Commission cancel the hearing scheduled for August 14, 2018 and issue an order based upon the Petition. Alternatively, should the Commission wish to solicit public input, the Commission could establish an informal procedure to do so without requiring a formal hearing.

The Notice states that NANPA, as the Petitioner, must submit prefiled direct testimony by July 3, 2018 and other parties of record must similarly file by July 17. NANPA’s rebuttal and other parties’ surrebuttal testimonies are due by July 24 and July 31, respectively. However, as the Petition represents the Industry’s unanimous consensus decision and NANPA is a neutral third party administrator which has no opinion on the relief ordered by the Commission, there is no need for testimony. In fact, NANPA will submit prefiled direct testimony only if it is required by the Commission to do so and such testimony will restate the facts in the Petition; no new information will be provided. NANPA does not plan to file rebuttal testimony. As such, the Commission should cancel the requirement to submit prefiled testimony.

In conjunction with its request to cancel the hearing and related prefiled testimony, NANPA also requests a waiver of the requirement to publish the Notice of the hearing and testimony filing dates. As part of its contractually required NPA relief duties, NANPA notifies all Industry members currently operating in and who are considering operations within the affected area code of all NPA relief related matters. Such was the case with the 803 NPA relief planning meetings which resulted in the Industry reaching its consensus decision to have NANPA submit the Petition. Moreover,

the Industry members themselves are experienced in notifying the public with regard to area code relief proceedings and are motivated to notify their customers of area code changes in order to eliminate customer confusion. In this uncontested proceeding in which the Industry's consensus decision is set forth in the Petition, no publication should be required. Furthermore, if the Commission cancels the hearing as requested herein, there is no need to publish the Notice.

Therefore, based upon the foregoing reasons, NANPA respectfully requests that the Commission cancel the hearing and related testimony, waive the publication requirement, and issue an order based upon the contents of the uncontested Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ _____

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that I, Kimberly Wheeler Miller, have caused to be served this day, the Request to Cancel Hearing and for Waiver of Publication Requirement filed by Neustar, Inc. serving as the North American Numbering Plan Administrator, as follows:

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